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East Germany estimates -
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA)

SUBJECT: Request for Intelligence Evaluation of Effect on Soviet Capabilities of June Uprisings in East Germany

REFERENCE: 1. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense memorandum for DCL, dated 7 October 1953.

ENCLOSURES: A. 21-47, "Probable Effect of Recent Developments in Eastern Germany on Soviet Policy with Respect to Germany", dated 24 July 1953.
B. 21-90, "Soviet Miss Capabilities Through Mid-1953", dated 18 August 1953.
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1. I am enclosing several estimates which bear in part on the questions raised in your memorandum. The following enclosures (in Enclosures A, B, and C) give the evaluation of the US and the [REDACTED] committees of Soviet actions in connection with the East German uprisings.

- A. 21-47. See paras. 1-5 under the heading "Recent Developments in East Germany", and paras. 1-7 under the heading "The Effect of these Developments on Soviet Policy in East Germany".
- B. 21-90. Treaties on the subject generally at para. 19.

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2. The above estimates however do not evaluate the military significance of the uprisings in that they do not estimate how much Soviet armed strength would be tied up in East Germany to prevent further uprisings. Nor do we have an existing estimate of how much notice the West would get of the incidence of hostilities as a consequence of a necessary Soviet build-up in East Germany.

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3. These and related questions are being considered in two articles now in process: NII-91, "Technical Developments in East Germany", and NII-103, "Soviet Courses of Action towards Germany", scheduled for publication later this year.

4. Please let us know if your requirement requires further action.

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